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1. KOREA

FORMIN PARK SAYS ROK FRIENDLY RELATIONS W/US WILL NOT BE
AFFECTED BY SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING PROBE--ASSERTS US HAS RE-
AFFIRMED ITS "UNCHANGED SECURITY COMMITMENTS TO SK." PARK
STATEMENT, BREAKING ROK DOMESTIC NEWS BLACKOUT RE INVESTI-
GATION, SAID ROK/US STILL DIFFERED OVER AFFAIR. SEOUL WANTS
ITS AMB HERE PERMITTED SEE KIM SANG KEUN. PARK COMPLAINS
OF USG REFUSAL PUBLICLY DENY BLUE HOUSE "BUGGING", BUT
TERMS STORY "GROUNDLESS"--DENIES ANY CONNECTION TONGSUN
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PARK W/ROKG (REUTER SEOUL 1/28).

HOUSE REP LEADER RHODES, COMMENTING ON HIS REFUSAL TRIP
VOK/HONORARY DEGREE, SAYS QUERY RE PROPRIETY TRIP REFERRED
STATE DEPT, WHICH SAID TRIP OK AS SPONSORED BY PRIVATE
HANYANY FOUNDATION (AP IN LAT; GLOBE 12/26).

USDA ANNOUNCES APPROVAL USG FINANCING FOR SHIPMENT
12.8 MILL DOLS WORTH WHEAT, 10.6 MILL COTTON, AND 11.9 MILL

RICE TO SK UNDER FOOD FOR PEACE (LAT UPI, 12/24).

SK DEVELOPING WELL-IRRIGATED FARMLAND KWANGJU AREA AS PART
OVERALL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME TO BOOST RICE PRODUCTION (JOC
UPI, 12/28).

2. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL TRADE UNIONS PRES ROBERT HAWKE SAYS
LABOR WILL RECAPTURE AUSTRALIAN GOVT IN 1978 ELECTIONS
(JOC).

3. NEW ZEALAND

THROUGH CARE/HEALTH MEASURES EMPLOYED SHEEP RAISING, NZ HAS
50 MILL PLUS SHEEP FREE OF MOST OF MANY SEVERE DISEASES
AFFLICTING SHEEP IN OTHER PARTS WORLD (JOC).

4. INDONESIA

TWO OF WORLD'S LARGEST HEAT EXCHANGERS SHIPPED FROM US TO
ARUN LNG PLANT ON SUMATRA (JOC).

5. TTPI

ISLANDERS THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA DOUBT THEY CAN BUILD
NATION DUE LACK UNITY, VIABLE ECONOMY--SEE NEED FOR CON-
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TINUING US AID (LAT 12/25).

6. SINGAPORE

PAP VICTORY SWEEP SEEN AS ENDORSEMENT PARTY POLICIES, INCL
PM LEE'S PRAGMATIC, HARD WORK, NO-NONSENSE STANCE WHICH
HAS KEPT SINGAPORE GROWING/ATTRACTING INVESTMENT (CSM'S
MORTIZ 12/27; LAT'S MCARTHUR 12/24 AND 12/25, ALSO CARRIED
GLOBE 12/26).

7. VIETNAM

UN AMB-DESIGNATE REP ANDREW YOUNG ASSERTS REPAIRING OUR
RELATIONS W/SRV COULD MAKE VN "A BUFFER" AGAINST PRC ALONG
YUGOSLAV LINES--NOTES PRES-ELECT CARTER HAS SAID ACCOUNT-
ING FOR OUR MIAS MUST COME BEFORE NORMALIZATION RELATIONS
(AP IN SUN, CHITRIB, NYT, PHINQ; CSM).

CDN'S BEECH (CHI S-T 12/21) WRITES THAT "VARIETY OF SOURCES
HAVE CONFIRMED HANOI HAS SENT "SEVERAL REGIMENTS" TROOPS
INTO LAOS, APPARENTLY TO PUT DOWN GROWING RESISTANCE MOVE-
MENT.

8. CHINA

IN FIRST MAJOR SPEECH SINCE SUCCEEDING MAO, HUA TOLD NATIONAL AGRIC CONFERENCE SAT THAT IF CHIANG CHING AND SUPPORTERS HAD MANAGED SEIZE POWER, MAJOR CIVIL WAR WOULD HAVE ERUPTED. HUA CALLED FOR NATIONWIDE SHAKE-UP AT ALL LEVELS, CONVENING PEOPLE'S CONGRESSES NEXT YEAR IN ALL PROVINCES/MUNICIPALITIES/AUTONOMOUS REGIONS--WITH ELECTION ONLY OF THOSE WHO HAVE MASSES' GENUINE SUPPORT (REUTER'S ROGERS, PEKING).

UPI (HK) CITES HUA TELLING AGRIC CONFERENCE THAT PURGE OF "GANG OF FOUR" WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT FIRING SINGLE SHOT
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OR SHEDDING DROP OF BLOOD. SAID 1977 "CENTRAL TASK" IS DEEPENING GREAT MASS MOVEMENT TO EXPOSE/CRITICIZE "GANG OF FOUR" (CHITRIB; WSTAR 12/27).

NCNA SAID MONDAY THAT FOR 15TH YEAR IN ROW PRC HAS REAPED GOOD HARVEST, DESPITE NATURAL CALAMITIES, FARMERS LEAVING LAND AND "SABOTAGE" BY RADICALS (AP, SUN; CHITRIB).

EPA SAYS PEKING'S SEPT NUKE EXPLOSION MAY CAUSE 3-4 THYROID CANCERS AMONG AMERICANS, BASED ON MORE THAN 1,600 RADIA-TION MEASUREMENTS FROM AIR SAMPLES TAKEN ACROSS US (WP).

CCK, SEPALKING TO KMT PARTY CONVENTION, PRAISED CARTER FOR ATTACHING IMPORTANCE TO MORALITY IN DIPLOMACY (LAT, 12/26).

ROC EMBARKS ON 42.6-BILLION-DOL ECON DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH IT HOPES WILL PUT COUNTRY IN CATEGORY OF DEVELOPED NATION (REUTER, LAT 12/25).

9. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS SAYS HE HOPES FINAL PACT WITH MOSLEMS WILL BE READY FOR SIGNING IN FIRST WEEK APRIL (NYT). REVEALS TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH SECESSIONISTS INCLUDES REGIONAL MOSLEM GOVT, MOSLEM COURTS, SPECIAL INTERNAL SECURITY SYSTEM FOR SOUTHERN PHILS (PHINQ). CSM'S COOLEY (ATHENS) REPORTS ARAB STATES' "MODERATING HAND" PLAYED KEY ROLE IN ACHIEV-ING SOUTHERN PHILS CEASE-FIRE.

WORLD BANK ANNOUNCES NEARLY 200 MILLION DOLS IN LOANS TO SIX NATIONS, INCLUDING 95 MILLION FOR PHILS HIGHWAY PRO-JECT (WSJ).

PHILS SUPREME COURT SOURCES SAID SUNDAY THAT FIRST INTL MEETING OF APPEAL COURT JUDGES FROM MORE THAN 30 NATIONS WILL BE HELD IN MANILA JAN 10-15 (REUTER, LAT 12/27).
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10. JAPAN

PM FUKUDA PROMISES COMPLETE LOCKHEED PROBE. BUSINESSMEN, CONCERNED RE SCANDAL'S EFFECT ON ECONOMY, SEE SIGNS FOLLOW-UP WON'T BE AS SPECTACULAR AS EARLIER LOCKHEED-RELATED EVENTS. ECONOMY/WANING INTEREST MAY PUSH INQUIRY INTO BACKGROUND (WSJ'S LACHICA, TOKYO).

JAPANESE LABOR LEADERS ADVISED BY FUKUDA AIDES THAT HIS ADMIN PLANS LEAN CLOSER TO BIG UNION ORGANIZATION THAN ANY OTHER LDP GOVT (JOC'S CULLISON, TOKYO).

CARTER ECON ADVISER LAWRENCE KLEIN STATES WORLD TRADE/ECON RECOVERY WILL ACCELERATE IN 1977, STIMULATED BY MORE SPENDING IN US/JAPAN/WGERMANY (AP, SUN).

US WILL SUFFER 5-BILL-DOL DEFICIT IN TRADE W/JAPAN THIS YR (UPI, JOC).

JAPAN'S MINING/MFG OUTPUT INDEX STANDS AT 128.5 AGAINST 1970 BASE FIGURE (UPI, JOC).

JAPAN AUTO MFG' ASSOC REPORTS JAPAN'S NOV AUTO EXPORTS TOTLED 322,462 UNITS, UP 7 PERCENT OVER OCT AND UP 34.1 PERCENT OVER YR AGO (UPI, JOC).

JAPAN EXPECTS EXPORT RECORD 5 MILL COLOR TV SETS THIS YR, UP FROM 2.75 MILL SETS LAST YR (AP, NYT).

JAPAN/EUR COMMON MKT HAVE MADE LITTLE PROGRESS IN TALKS RE JAPAN'S DOMINANCE OF SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY (REUTER, LAT 12/26).

TREAS DEPT DROPS "DUMPING" INVESTIGATION RE CERTAIN JAPANESE ABOVE-GROUND SWIMMING POOLS SOLD IN US (WSJ). UNCLASSIFIED

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H.C. WAINRIGHT AND CO ANNOUNCES ITS NEWLY-FORMED WAINRIGHT SECURITIES INC IS NEGOTIATING TO SELL "MINORITY INTEREST" TO NOMURA SECURITIES INTL INC, NYC UNIT OF JAPAN'S LARGEST BROKERAGE FIRM (WSJ).

BRITISH LEYLAND LTD SAYS IT HAS AGREED TO FORM JOINT VENTURE CO W/MITSUI AND CO TO TRY INCREASE SALES OF ITS CARS IN JAPAN (LAT 12/26).

11. GENERAL

GLOBE SURVEY (12/25) NOTES EA CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATIONS:

IN PHILS, GOVT LIFTED MARTIAL LAWS/CURFEWS TO ALLOW REVELERS NIGHT ON TOWN; US DIPLOMS/BUSINESSMEN IN PEKING IMPORTED TURKEYS FROM HK, THEIR WIVES CAROLED IN FREEZING WEATHER AS SIGNS IN SHOP WINDOWS WISHED EVERYONE "BRIGHT AND MERRY FESTIVAL"; IN VN, MIDNIGHT CURFEW WAS LIFTED TO LET CATHOLICS ATTEND MASS, RADIO STATIONS BROADCAST BIRTHDAY GREETINGS--TO VN CP.

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12. INDONESIA

CSM SPECIAL REPORT (12/27) SAYS MOSLEMS GROWING WARY OF SUHARTO, BLAME WESTERN, PARTICULARLY CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE, FOR COUNTRY'S TROUBLES. SAYS COMMON COMPLAINT IS THAT CHRISTIANS IN KEY DEFENSE/INTELLIGENCE POSITIONS, DESPITE SMALL NUMBERS NATIONALLY. OBSERVERS SAY GOI OVERCHARGING MOSLEMS FOR MECCA VISITS. GOI RECOGNIZING GROWING PROBLEM, SEEKING INCLUDE MORE MOSLEMS IN GOLKAR ACTIVITIES.

13. JAPAN

SEIDEN (SUN) BEGINS SERIES: "UGLY WESTERN FACADE SCREENS
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ANCIENT JAPAN." FIRST ARTICLE (12/26) DEALS WITH DIVERSITY/CROWDEDNESS/OTHER GENERALITIES RESULTING FROM RECENT MONTH-LONG TRIP. SECOND ARTICLE (12/27) DEALS WITH KYUSHU, WHERE WESTERNIZATION PROCESS BEGAN. VISITS NAGASAKI, QUOTES MAYOR AS SAYING, "AMERICANS WERE NOT THINKING OF THE FEELINGS OF THE BOMB VICTIMS" WHEN BOMB DROPPED. THIRD ARTICLE FOCUSES ON HOW MODERN TIMES HAVE CAUGHT UP W/ONCE TRANQUIL/REMOTE SHIKOKU.

14. JAPAN/KOREA

WP'S SAAR (TOKYO) SAYS CARTER STATEMENTS ABOUT SLOW/METHODICAL/CAREFUL/CONSULTATIVE WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS FROM ROK HAVE REASSURED/CALMED JAPANESE.

15. KOREA

COMMON CAUSE CHMN JOHN GARDNER WRITES (LAT) COMMENTARY COMMENDING REFORED PRES CAMPAIGN FINANCING, BUT DECRYING CONG CAMPAIGN FUNDING WHICH LEAVES CONGRESS IN "CATEGORY OF PURCHASABLE COMMODITIES." SPECIFICALLY CITES TONGSUN PARK AFFAIR, "POTENTIALLY ONE OF THE MOST DAMAGING SCANDALS CONGRESS HAS FACED IN OUR LIFETIMES" (ALSO CARRIED CHI S-T 12/25).

WSTAR (12/27) TAKES SAME TACK IN LEAD EDIT, STATING, "IT'S TIME TO TAKE THE SPECIAL INTERESTS OFF CONGRESS' BACK

THROUGH PUBLIC FINANCING OF CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGNS."

CITES SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING EFFORTS, WHICH "MAY BE A SCANDAL OF GREAT MAGNITUDE."

NYT'S GWERTZMAN SEES PRES-ELECT CARTER'S VIEW RE WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS FROM ROK AS "CAUTIOUS"--QUOTES CARTER AS SAYING, "I WANT TO ESTABLISH A FEELING WITHIN SOUTH KOREA AND WITHIN JAPAN THAT WE WON'T DO ANYTHING ABRUPT THAT WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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DISTURB THEM OR UPSET THEIR BELIEF THAT WE ARE STILL GOING TO PLAY A LEGITIMATE ROLE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC."

NYT'S HOVEY POINTS OUT DIFFICULTIES CARTER WILL HAVE INFUSING FORPOLICY W/MORALITY. SAYS CARTER WILL FACE TOUGH DECISIONS ON WHAT RESTRICTIONS TO PLACE ON AID TO ROK/PHILIPPINES IF HE INDEED WISHES REFLECT US CONCERN W/HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN ASIA.

16. VIETNAM

CLOHERTY/OWENS (CHI S-T 12/18) SAY THOUSANDS OF VIETNAM REFUGEES ARE FINDING NO NEW HOMES, DRIFTING AT SEA. DOS CABLES TELL THEIR PATHETIC STORY. QUOTES CABLES FROM US EMBASSIES JAKARTA/KL/HK. INITIAL RED TAPE OVERCOME, PARTICULARLY INVOLVING THOSE IN THAILAND; BUT OTHERS REMAIN AS "GRIM REMINDER OF WAR MOST AMERICANS WOULD LIKE TO FORGET."

LAT EDITORIAL WRITER ERNEST CONINE TAKES NOTE OF PROTEST LETTER BY JOAN BAEZ, OTHER VIETNAM WAR ACTIVISTS,DECRYING ABSENCE HUMAN RIGHTS IN VIETNAM. SAYS WILL BE SURPRISING IF ANYTHING COMES OF IT. WESTERN NEWSMEN CONTINUE HAVE ACCESS TO COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO US WHICH HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS, UNLIKE MOST COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. BELIEVES NONE OF THIS SHOULD STAND IN WAY OF OUR ESTABLISHING RELS WITH SRV WHICH COULD PERMIT US BUSINESSMEN COMPETE FOR CONTRACTS. CLAIMS FOREIGN AID WOULD BE OUT OF QUESTION HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF SRV HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES.

WSTAR ALSO TAKES NOTE OF BAEZ PROTEST, FINDS IT REFRESHING THAT SHE APPLYING SAME STANDARD ON CIVIL RIGHTS TO HANOI AS DID TO SAIGON.

LAT (12/26) DEVOTES LENGTHY FEATURE WITH PIX TO CONTINUING BATTLE-OVER CUSTODY OF SOME OF 2,000 VIETNAMESE CHILDREN UNCLASSIFIED

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(AIRLIFTED OUT OF SAIGON AND PRESUMED TO BE ORPHANS) BET-

WEEN VIETNAMESE NATURAL MOTHERS NOW IN U.S. AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS.

WP OP-ED EXCERPTS HOUSE SELECT CMTE ON AMERICANS MISSING SEA REPORT, MAKING CLEAR INORDINATE DIFFICULTY OBTAINING ACCOUNTING MIAS. REPORT POINTS OUT WE ASK ACCOUNTING FROM ENEMY WE DID NOT DEFEAT, WHO PURSUES MAJOR OBJECTIVES OF RECONSTRUCTION AID/NORMALIZATION RELATIONS.

17. CHINA

SUN'S WU (HK) FINDS TONE OF HUA'S REMARKS TO AGRIC CONFERENCE SUGGESTING PRC IN NEW YEAR, AS IN LAST 10, WILL AGAIN BE PRIMARILY PREOCCUPIED WITH DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, SORTING OUT AFTERMATH OF "GANG OF FOUR'S" OUSTER AND MAKING UP ECON LOSSES ALLEGEDLY RESULTING FROM THEIR INTERFERENCE.

TO MATHEWS (WP HK), PUBLICATION OF 1956 MAO SPEECH SEEMS TO MAKE CLEAR HUA'S INTENTION RETURN TO GOOD OLD DAYS OF STEADY ECON PROGRESS BEFORE GREAT LEAP FORWARD, GPCR. NOTING HUA APPEARS IN MIDDLE OF SERIOUS DEBATE OVER HOW HARSHLY PUNISH "GANG OF FOUR," MATHEWS OBSERVES MAO SPEECH CONTAINS LENGTHY SECTION PROPOSING CLEMENCY FOR COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES/PARTY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE MADE MISTAKES.

CSM'S MORTIZ (HK) OBSERVES 1956 MAO SPEECH IS NOTABLE FOR SEVERAL REASONS: CALLS FOR SATISFYING FARMERS'/WORKERS' DAILY NEEDS, REWARDING THEM WHEN PRODUCTION CLIMBS--POINT NOT EXPECTED BE LOST ON MANY CHINESE WORKERS; CALLS FOR LEARNING FROM STRONG POINTS OF ALL NATIONS ALL THAT IS GENUINELY GOOD IN POL/ECON/SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS, AND IN LITERATURE/ART--WORDS EXPECTED APPEAL TO SCIENTISTS/ ENGINEERS/MIL MEN WHO WANT SELECTIVE LEARNING FROM OTHER NATIONS; ALSO PROVIDES BROAD LATITUDE FOR NEW LEADERS TO RID COUNTRY OF "GANG OF FOUR'S" INFLUENCE, WHILE SALVAGING UNCLASSIFIED

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TALENTS OF RADICALS WHO CAN BE REFORMED BEFORE ANY PURGE GETS OUT OF CONTROL.

URGING WORLD POPULATION CONTROL, LAT (12.27) SEES POTENTIAL FOR CONTROL ILLUSTRATED BY PRC, WHERE "REMARKABLE" RESULTS ACHIEVED--PARTICULARLY SINCE ONE IN FIVE HUMANS IS CHINESE.

18. PHILIPPINES

LAT'S MCARTHUR (ZAMBOANGA 12.26) NOTES PHILS ARMY PLAGUED BY "QUAINT OLD AMERICAN CUSTOM" OF GIRLIE CAMP-FOLLOWERS. FINDS PURELY PHIL PHENOM HAVING IRONIC OVERTONES FOR LONG-TIME AMERICAN RESIDENTS THERE, SINCE FILIPINOS HAVE LONG ACCUSED AMERICANS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOISTEROUS SIN

CITIES OF OLONGAPO/ANGELES.

BUT IN ZAMBOANGA, PHILS ARMY CREATING STRICTLY PHIL VERSION WHICH IS "BIT EMBARRASSING." FINDS IT "MATTER OF SUBDUE PRIDE" TO US EMBASSY MANILA, WHERE OFFICERS FORBIDDEN TRAVEL SOUTHWARD BECAUSE OF INSURRECTION/SEVERAL KIDNAPPINGS, THAT ENGLISH IS LANGUAGE OF SIN IN ZAMBOANGA.

19. GENERAL

LAT (12/26) CARRIES AP REPORT THAT WESTERN EUROPE BECOMING MAJOR TERMINAL FOR ASIAN DRUGS, NO LONGER JUST TRANSHIPMENT POINT. SURVEY OF EUROPEAN CAPITALS SHOWS PRESENCE OF HEROIN FROM BURMA, THAILAND, LAOS INCREASING SHARPLY IN PAST FIVE YEARS; SIMILAR TO STAGE OF US TEN YEARS AGO. CHINESE SOCIETIES CONTROL TRADE THROUGH AMSTERDAM.

LAT COMMENTS FAVORABLY ON SUCCESS OF INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RECEIVING OVER ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN PLEDGES. NOTES US/AUSTRALIA/CANADA GRANARIES CANNOT FOREVER MAKE UP WORLD'S FOOD DEFICIT.

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TAD SZULC, WRITING IN NEW REPUBLIC (LAT 12/26), SAYS ECON POLICY WILL BE MAJOR FOCUS OF CARTER ADMIN FOREIGN POLICY, AND THAT BLUMENTAL/BREZINSKI WILL BE MAJOR POLICY MAKERS, WITH VANCE/BROWN ADMINISTRATORS.

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